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Standing Committee on Environment & Public Affairs
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Dear Members

Re: Petition No. 166 – Cessation of the Chlorination of the Busselton Water Supply

I would like to make a submission in relation to the above Petition, as follows:

I am 80 years old, and in my memory Busselton has never had any problems with its' water supply. I understand that the type of bacteria that they are now chlorinating against, *Naegleria Fowleri*, doesn't even occur in pipelines – it is the type of bacteria that is found in stagnant pools, etc.

I think Busselton Water Board was in too big a hurry to introduce chlorine, and didn't take enough time or do enough independent research to properly weigh up the health risks to our community. They appear to be ill-informed, arrogant and have no respect for the wishes or opinions of the people who live here.

I suffer from lymphoedema in both legs (severe swelling) and the skin is stretched very tight on my legs because of swelling. Since we have had chlorine in our water, I have been getting very dry, scaly rashes on my body and it is particularly bad on my legs. As the skin is very thin, my doctor is concerned about it splitting because it is so dry (possibly then causing ulcers, which are difficult to treat). I am now forced to buy expensive lotions and creams to combat the dryness and treat the rashes. We also now have to buy bottled water in our household, as tap water is undrinkable. As pensioners, it is a huge financial impost.

I think Busselton Water has made a terrible mistake in introducing chlorine, and I appeal to you to consider Petition 166, which reflects the wishes of the vast majority of our community.

Yours faithfully
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